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1. The reply filed on 3/24/03, paper number 28, is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): applicants have elected -NH-CHR-CO- (as component of claim 129), in which R is methyl group. The elected component reads on 'amino acid' as a component. In the claimed method use of amino acid as component would result in a library of peptides. However applicants have received an action on merits for nucleotide as compound of interest (see previous office action on merits, paper # 20, page 2). Thus, the election of group -NH-CHR-CO- as component is non-responsive.

Thus, the response is not proper. See 37 CAR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CAR

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Wang, can be reached on (703) 306-3217. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-4242.

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